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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REISSUE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: MULTI-BEAM OPTICAL SCANNER

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SIR:

1. I, Seizo Suzuki, have 15 years of experience in the field of image forming apparatuses, such as laser printers, facsimile and copiers, and am therefore an expert in that field.
2. I have reviewed the outstanding rejection dated October 24, 2000, and the above-identified patent application.
3. I understand that the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application believes that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been able to make and use the invention as claimed in the amended reissue claims without the use of a coupling lens or a collimating lens.

4. In fact, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to make and use the claimed invention without the use of a coupling lens or a collimating lens at the time of filing thereof.

5. I believe that the level of ordinary skill in the art at the time of filing was someone familiar with the optical systems of photocopiers with 10 years of experience.

6. One of ordinary skill in the art would have known to find a description of a suitable light source to make and use the invention as evidenced by Figure 7 in Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2-61608.

7. Accordingly, I believe that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to make and use the claimed invention without the use of a coupling lens or a collimating lens without undue experimentation.

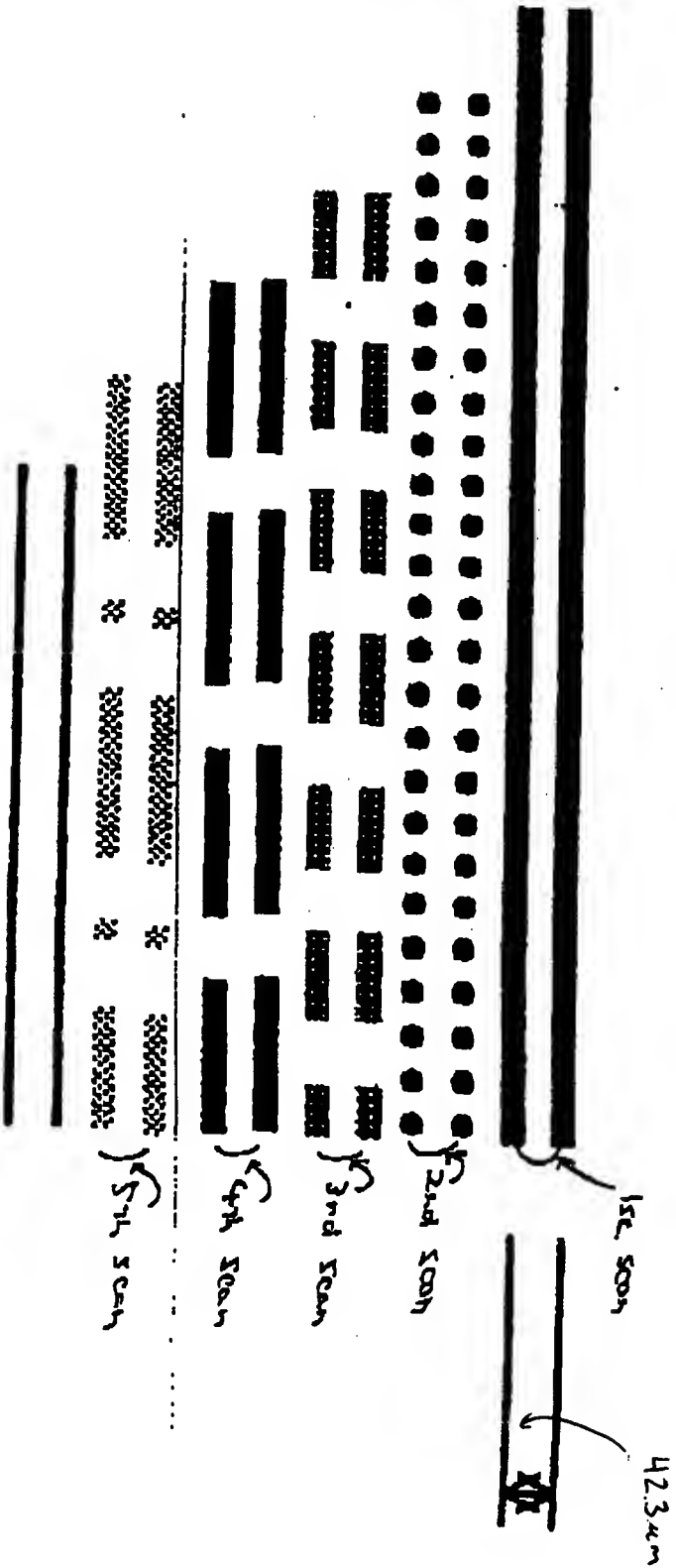
8. The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

January 9, 2001
Date

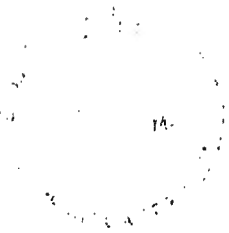
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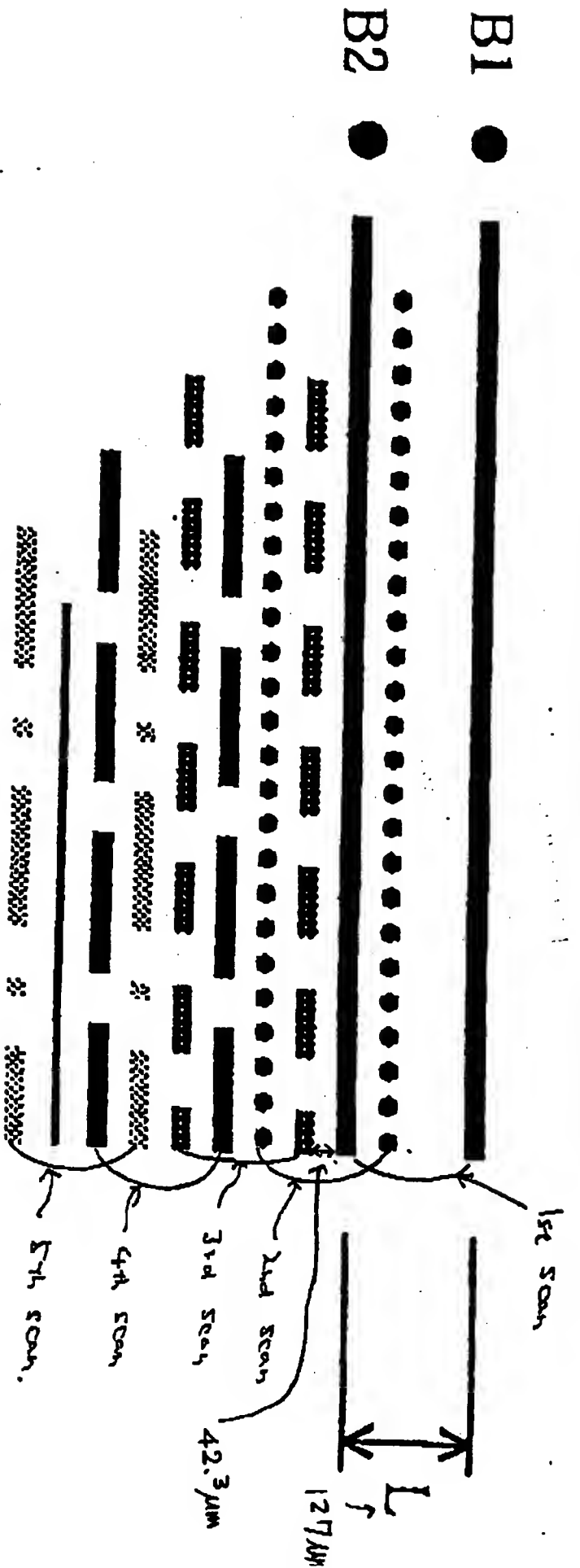
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APPENDIX
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APPENDIX
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